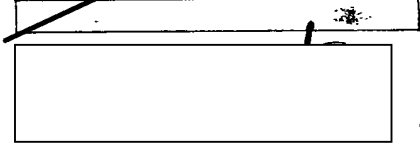


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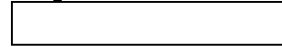
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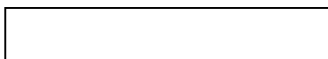
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Indonesia:

Rebel Leader Taking Dangerous Gamble [redacted]

*East Timorese leader Xanana's surprise public call for new attacks on Indonesian military units and prointegrationist civilian militias may be an attempt to hasten UN involvement in the province. Xanana's lawyer on Monday told a press conference that the jailed guerrilla will revoke his call to arms if the UN establishes a presence in East Timor to disarm the militias.*

— A top Habibie aide warned that Xanana's declaration could undermine UN-sponsored tripartite talks with Portugal scheduled for next week. [redacted]

Xanana has been under pressure from supporters to modify his longstanding call for his guerrilla fighters to exercise restraint in the face of provocations by the militia or the army, according to press reports. He admitted in a written statement that the new policy could prompt a "bloodbath" but noted he had no alternative. The policy reversal follows attacks on his supporters this week.

— [redacted] it cannot confirm that Indonesian forces joined the attacks by prointegration militias but notes the militias control a main road leading to the provincial capital of Dili, presumably with the military's permission. [redacted]

